

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4 – 9 and 11 - 20 remain pending in the present case.

103 REJECTIONS

The present Office Action rejects Claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Kaminski et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2005/0044155A1). Applicant respectfully asserts that the present invention is neither shown nor suggested by the Kaminski et al. and Goldman references alone or together in combination.

The present Office Action acknowledges the Kaminski et al. reference does not teach verifying the source address included in the received electronic message against the address the authorization indicator is sent to. Applicant respectfully asserts the Goldman reference does not overcome these and other shortcomings of the Kaminski et al. reference. To the extent the Goldman reference may mention *sending a request* to a manager of a domain or a purported sender [0063], Applicant respectfully asserts the Goldman reference does not teach *receiving a request* for authorization to forward an electronic mail message. To the extent the *request* is sent to the *sender's* address in the

Goldman reference, Applicant respectfully asserts the Goldman reference does not teach responding to a *request from a sender* requesting authorization to forward an electronic mail message.

In addition, to the extent the Goldman reference may mention a manager can verify whether the purported sender's address is a *valid domain* address [Paragraph 63], Applicant respectfully asserts the Goldman reference does not teach including verifying a source address included in the received electronic message against an address *the authorization indicator is sent to*. In addition, to the extent the Goldman reference may mention a *data structure* has fields and an authorized category [paragraph 44], Applicant respectfully asserts the Goldman reference does not teach an *authorization indicator is sent*, and therefore Applicant respectfully assert the Goldman reference can not teach verifying source address included in the received electronic message against an address *the authorization indicator is sent to*.

The present Office Action rejects claims 11 and 17 for the same reasons as Claim 1. To the extent Claims 11 and 17 are similar to Claim 1, Applicant respectfully asserts Claims 11 and 17 are allowable for similar rationale to the arguments presented above.

With respect to Claim 11, to the extent the Goldman reference may mention a manager can verify whether the purported sender's address is a *valid domain* address [Paragraph 63], Applicant respectfully asserts the Goldman reference does not teach verifying an address of a source included in an unsolicited electronic message against an address an *authorization indicator is sent to*.

With respect to Claim 17, to the extent the Goldman reference may mention a manager can verify whether the purported sender's address is a *valid domain* address [Paragraph 63], Applicant respectfully asserts the Goldman reference does not teach forwarding an unsolicited electronic message with said verification indication to an address said verification indication was sent from.

Applicant respectfully asserts Claims 2 – 9, 12 – 16 and 18 – 20 are allowable as depending from allowable independent Claims 1, 11 and 17 respectively.

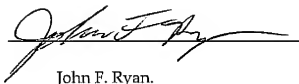
CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the remaining Claims. The Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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